

St. Aidan's Chorus

PRESENTS

IOLANTHE

OR

THE PEER AND THE PERI

BOOK BY

W. S. GILBERT

MUSIC BY

ARTHUR SULLIVAN

St. Aidan's Parish House

CHELTENHAM

Saturday Evenings, November 4th and 11th

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at 8:15 P. M.

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The Story

Act I opens in Arcady. Iolanthe, a fairy, having offended her Queen by marrying a mortal, has been banished for life; but in the opening scene, after twenty years of exile, the Queen pardons her. To the Queen she tells the story of her marriage and of her son Strephon, half a fairy and half a shepherd, who is engaged to Phyllis, a shepherdess, and Ward in Chancery. Strephon now enters and informs his mother that the Lord Chancellor refuses him permission to marry Phyllis, but that he intends to wed the girl in spite of any obstacles. He curses his fairyhood, but the Queen tells him that she has a borough at her disposal and will see that he is returned to Parliament. During the ensuing scene Strephon meets Phyllis and urges that their marriage may be hastened, because so many of the lords are attentive to her, and it is even possible for the Lord Chancellor himself to marry her. Meanwhile, the lords come upon the scene and endeavor to decide which one of them shall claim the hand of Phyllis. The girl is brought before them, but is deaf to their entreaties, and declares her love for Strephon, who has just come upon the stage. Exit the peers, while the Lord Chancellor separates Phyllis and Strephon, sends Phyllis away, and refuses Strephon his suit. The latter invokes the aid of his fairy mother, who summons the Queen and her fairies to the aid of the lovers. Phyllis refuses to believe that Iolanthe is the mother of her lover; and the act ends with the Queen of the fairies threatening vengeance upon the peers, and declaring that she will send Strephon to Parliament as a Liberal-Conservative.

Act II is in the Palace Yard at Westminster. Strephon has entered Parliament, and is carrying things with a high hand. Phyllis is engaged to two lords at once, but cannot decide between them, nor can they decide between each other. Whereupon, the Lord Chancellor decides to ask his ward himself for her hand in marriage. Strephon finally proves to Phyllis his birth and that Iolanthe is his mother; and the latter acknowledges that the Lord Chancellor is her husband, and the father of Strephon. This confession makes her liable to the penalty of death for breaking her fairy vow. Thereupon, all the fairies confess that they have just married peers. As it is impracticable to kill them all, the Queen herself hunts up a mortal husband and decides upon Private Willis, the sentry in the Palace Yard. All the husbands thereupon sprout wings and join their fairy wives, and thus the complications are settled.

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IOLANTHE

Characters

THE LORD CHANCELLOR	William Lipp
EARL OF MOUNTARARAT	Edward Foley
EARL OF TOLLOLLER	William Craig
PRIVATE WILLIS (Of the Grenadier Guards)	Arthur Wells
STREPHON (An Arcadian Shepherd)	Samuel Tucker
QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES	Margaret Lipp
IOLANTHE (A Fairy, Strephon's Mother)	Irma Lewis
CELIA }	Anita Kildaire
LEILA } Fairies	Gertrude Ricciuti
FLETA }	Doris Horbury
PHYLLIS (An Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery)	Margaret Caughie
	Doris Perkins

Chorus of Peers and Fairies

Muriel Armstrong	Augusta Lacy	Harold Goodwin
Catherine Bronson	Alice Miller	Edwin Kroeker
Agnes Calderwood	Marguerite Moore	Howard Lewis
Jeanie Farquhar	Agnes Morrison	Alvin Rangnow
Patsy Fisler	Dorothy Newmeyer	Robert Shaw
Doris Glavis	Doris Somerville	John Shearer
Evelyn Goodwin	Florence Toothill	Ian Somerville
Mildred Grau	Marjorie Tucker	Norman Tempest
Ida Haase	Kay Ward	Fred Toothill
Gertrude Kalmbach	Walter Bronson	Samuel Tucker, Jr.
Edith Kroeker	Johnson Glavis	

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Orchestra

Virginia Austin	Carl Tucker	Vernon Watson
Louis Bock	Frances Rojascki	Edward Bartlam
Harold F. Goodman, Jr.		Wallace King

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HATS BY IDA HAASE

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